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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the American Sand Association and our support of the American Desert Foundation's request for grant funding. Following are my comments:

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#1 – ATV Safety Training

The American Sand Association supports the ADF's request for funding for their ATV Safety Program. This program has been successful in educating the public about safe and environmentally responsible ATV operation. Please provide them with the funding necessary which will allow them to continue to offer this important program.

#2 – Support United Desert Gateway (UDG) Programs

The UDG Visitor Guide is the only publication of its kind. It is a valuable tool for those who recreate in the desert area. It provides important safety information and the rules and regulations necessary for people to have a safe recreation experience.

#3 – Support Dunes Outreach

Signage is an important aspect of outreach to visitors to the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. These signs, which will focus on safety themes, will be an important tool to educate the users and enhance their visit.

For these reasons, we request you fund the American Desert Foundation grant request for the full amount. The assistance you provide for these programs is an important component in keeping the area safe for those who visit it.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached at (760) 996-8983.

Sincerely,

Nicole Nicholas Gilles
Executive Director